GOVERNMENT BUSINESS

Orders of the day

*1 NATIONAL DISABILITY INSURANCE SCHEME SAVINGS FUND SPECIAL ACCOUNT BILL 2016 (Minister for Social Services): Second reading—Resumption of debate.

2 ADDRESS INREPLY TO THE GOVERNOR-GENERAL’S SPEECH: Resumption of debate (from 2 May 2016) on the proposed Address in Reply.

*3 OMNIBUS REPEAL DAY (AUTUMN 2015) BILL 2015: Consideration of Senate’s amendments.

*4 MINISTERIAL STATEMENTS—ANZAC DAY COMMEMORATIONS—MR TEHAN, MINISTER FOR VETERANS’ AFFAIRS, 2 MAY 2016—MOTION TO TAKE NOTE OF DOCUMENT: Resumption of debate (from 2 May 2016—Mr Feeney) on the motion of Mr Tehan—That the House take note of the document.

5 ROAD SAFETY REMUNERATION AMENDMENT (PROTECTING OWNER DRIVERS) BILL 2016 (Minister representing the Minister for Employment): Consideration in detail (from 18 April 2016).


7 STATUTE LAW REVISION BILL (NO. 3) 2016 (Prime Minister): Second reading (from 18 April 2016).

Notices

1 MR D. J. CHESTER: To move—That this House, for the purposes of considering the notice given by the Member for McMillan in relation to the report of the Committee of Privileges and Members’ Interests into whether the former Member for Dobell deliberately misled the House, varies paragraph 1(a) of the resolution of the House of 25 November 2009 relating to ‘Procedures of the House of Representatives for dealing with matters of contempt’, by omitting ‘seven’ and inserting ‘two’.

(Notice given 19 April 2016.)

2 MR PYNE: To move—That standing order 1 be amended to read as follows:

1 Maximum speaking times (amendments to existing subject, as follows)

The maximum time limits that apply to debates, speeches and statements are as follows provided that any time taken by interruptions for the purposes of calling and forming a quorum call shall not count towards the maximum speaking time allowed to the Member speaking at the time.

(Notice given 19 April 2016.)
3 MR PYNE: To move—That standing order 47 be amended to read as follows:

47 Motions for suspension of orders

(a) A Minister may move, with or without notice, the suspension of any standing or other order of the House.

(b) If a suspension motion is moved on notice, it shall appear on the Notice Paper and may be carried by a majority of votes.

(c) If a suspension motion is moved without notice it:
   (i) must be relevant to any business under discussion and seconded; and
   (ii) can be carried only by an absolute majority of Members.

(d) Any suspension of orders shall be limited to the particular purpose of the suspension.

(Notice given 19 April 2016.)

Matter to be reported from the Federation Chamber

1 DEATH OF FORMER MEMBER (THE HONOURABLE DR REX ALAN PATTERSON) — CONDOLENCE MOTION MOVED BY THE PRIME MINISTER: To be reported (from 2 May 2016).

Contingent notices of motion

Contingent on the motion for the second reading of any bill being moved: Minister to move—That so much of the standing orders be suspended as would prevent the resumption of debate on the motion that the bill be read a second time being made an order of the day for a later hour.

Contingent on any report relating to a bill being received from the Federation Chamber: Minister to move—That so much of the standing orders be suspended as would prevent the remaining stages being passed without delay.

Contingent on any bill being agreed to at the conclusion of the consideration in detail stage: Minister to move—That so much of the standing orders be suspended as would prevent the motion for the third reading being moved without delay.

Contingent on any message being received from the Senate transmitting any bill for concurrence: Minister to move—That so much of the standing orders be suspended as would prevent the bill being passed through all its stages without delay.

Contingent on the second reading of a bill being agreed to and the Speaker having announced any message from the Governor General under standing order 147: Minister to move—That so much of the standing orders be suspended as would prevent the motion for the third reading being moved without delay.

PRIVATE MEMBERS’ BUSINESS

Notice given for Tuesday, 3 May 2016

*1 MS PARKE: To move—That this House:

(1) notes that:

(a) there is considerable evidence that payday lending and consumer leases are not properly regulated and that both financial practices are causing serious harm to low income Australians;

(b) irresponsible and immoral lending is endemic in the payday lending industry, which is growing rapidly and developing new online opportunities to encourage people to borrow with insufficient consideration of their capacity to bear the exorbitant and poorly regulated interest costs that payday lending involves;

(c) the Australian Securities and Investment Commission review of payday lending found that 24 per cent of loans were taken out by Centrelink customers and 54 per cent were taken out by customers who had two or more payday loans in the previous 90 days, a clear indication that they are caught in a cycle of repeat borrowing;

(d) consumer leases can involve an effective annualised interest rate of 240 per cent, and generally mean that vulnerable consumers pay three or four times the value of basic household items like refrigerators or washing machines; and
consumer leases operate with lower consumer protection standards under the National Credit Code, though such agreements are not materially different in effect from credit contracts; (f) in 2013-14 nearly half of Radio Rental’s $197 million revenue was received through the Centrepay system which allows payments to be directly debited from a consumer’s Centrelink account; and (g) Senator the Hon. Doug Cameron has brought a private Senator’s bill that seeks to remove consumer leases from access to the Centrepay system; and

(2) calls on the Government to: (a) ensure that the recently announced review into the 2013 reforms to payday lending focuses on securing the wellbeing and protection of low income Australians irrespective of the effect this has on the profits of companies that practise this kind of often predatory lending; (b) act quickly to stop consumer leases being used to prey on vulnerable and low income Australian households by ensuring that consumer leases are subject to the same standards and controls as credit contracts and introducing stricter controls on the currently outrageous and indefensible costs involved in such arrangements, including the requirement to prominently disclose the total cost of all contracts; and (c) support Senator Cameron’s initiative to remove access to Centrepay for consumer lease companies and amend section 123TC of the Social Security (Administration) Act 1999 to include a definition of consumer leases for this purpose.

(Notice given 2 May 2016.)

Notices—continued

1 MR BROADBENT: To move—That this House:
   (1) agrees with the recommendation of the report of the Committee of Privileges and Members’ Interests presented on 17 March 2016 about whether the former member for Dobell, Mr Craig Thomson, deliberately misled the House; (2) finds Mr Craig Thomson, the former member for Dobell, guilty of a contempt of the House in that, in the course of his statement to the House on 21 May 2012, as the then member for Dobell, he deliberately misled the House; and (3) reprimands Mr Thomson for his conduct.
   (Notice given 18 April 2016. Notice will be removed from the Notice Paper unless called on on any of the next 7 sitting Mondays including 9 May 2016.)

2 MR CHAMPION: To move—That this House calls on the Government to use the 2016-17 budget to back existing, safe and well paid Australian manufacturing jobs including in: (1) steel, aluminium and other metal production and fabrication; (2) automotive manufacturing; (3) shipbuilding; (4) defence industries; (5) food, fibre and grocery production; and (6) biopharmaceuticals and medical technologies.
   (Notice given 18 April 2016. Notice will be removed from the Notice Paper unless called on on any of the next 7 sitting Mondays including 9 May 2016.)

3 MR CHAMPION: To move—That this House acknowledges that penalty rates are relied upon by Australian workers and their families to cover everyday costs of living, no matter if they are full time, part time or casual, including workers such as: (1) nurses; (2) police, firefighters and ambulance officers; (3) retail and hospitality workers; (4) manufacturing industry employees; (5) services sector employees; and (6) tourism and transport industry employees.
   (Notice given 19 April 2016. Notice will be removed from the Notice Paper unless called on on any of the next 8 sitting Mondays including 9 May 2016.)
4 **MS MACTIERNAN:** To move—That this House:

(1) notes the findings of Regional Development Australia (RDA) Perth’s Driving Change in our Cities: Economic Development Strategy and Infrastructure Priorities Plan for Perth and Peel, including, that:

(a) the development of the Outer Harbour at Kwinana is the number one infrastructure priority for government in Perth;

(b) ‘the initiative is essential to the Western Australian economy. Without it, growth will be held back through inefficiencies and lost opportunities (directly related to transport and logistics as well as local production and export)’;

(c) ‘there is a need to ensure the primary freight gateway of the State can continue to support economic growth. Further extension of the Inner Harbour is not viable. Road access to it is heavily constrained, and the rail connection requires further investment’;

(d) ‘development of the Outer Harbour presents significant jobs growth opportunities with regard to industry, transport and logistics, as well as additional trade opportunities. Development of the Outer Harbour also provides potential to relocate activities from the Inner Harbour, reducing the freight task on congested road and rail links to the Inner Harbour, and potentially unlocking enormous opportunities for precinct development and amenity enhancement in Fremantle’;

(2) notes the RDA Perth report was completed in early March 2016 and was intended to be released in early April 2016, but still has not been made public;

(3) condemns the Government for:

(a) committing additional funding to the flawed Perth Freight Link (PFL) against expert advice that funding should be directed towards construction of the Outer Harbour; and

(b) attempting to sweat life out of century old port infrastructure in Fremantle in spite of clear evidence that a new port will be needed within the decade; and

(4) calls on the Government to:

(a) immediately redirect funding committed to the PFL to the infrastructure that Western Australia needs; and

(b) expedite the release of the RDA Perth report.

(Notice given 19 April 2016. Notice will be removed from the Notice Paper unless called on on any of the next 8 sitting Mondays including 9 May 2016.)

5 **MR ZAPPIA:** To move—That this House:

(1) notes:

(a) that governments across Australia spend around $100 billion per year procuring goods and services with around $40 billion of that being Australian Government procurement;

(b) the significant amount of procurement outlined in 2016 Defence White Paper;

(c) the Government has commitments for over $50 billion in infrastructure spending on current and future projects;

(2) further notes:

(a) the direct and indirect economic benefits which flow from local procurement; and

(b) the Government procurement market presents a great opportunity to create jobs, assist small businesses and boost the economy;

(3) calls on the Government to ensure that local content is maximised in all of its procurement.

(Notice given 19 April 2016. Notice will be removed from the Notice Paper unless called on on any of the next 8 sitting Mondays including 9 May 2016.)

6 **MS MCGOWAN:** To move—That this House:

(1) notes that:

(a) the wine industry plays an important role in regional Australia for the local and national economy;

(b) small winemakers are an important part of the wine industry for job creation and tourism;

(c) the Winemakers’ Federation of Australia (WFA) estimates that up to 70 per cent of current local grape and wine production may be uneconomic;
(d) the dithering of successive governments over the unintended consequences of the Wine Equalisation Tax (WET) rebate scheme, the weak export push for Australian wine and the supermarket duopoly have had a major impact on the sector; and

(e) the reform proposal led by WFA was measured, sensible and urgently needed, and its plan would have delivered net savings to the Commonwealth of at least $234 million over the next four years; and

(2) calls on the Government to:

(a) give certainty to the wine industry by releasing its response to the Senate Rural and Regional Affairs and Transport References Committee’s report into the Australian Grape and Wine Industry; and

(b) keep the WET rebate in line with the original policy intent of delivering long term benefits to the industry and tourism in regional Australia.

(Notice given 19 April 2016. Notice will be removed from the Notice Paper unless called on on any of the next 8 sitting Mondays including 9 May 2016.)

Orders of the day

*1 HIGH SPEED RAIL PLANNING AUTHORITY BILL 2016 (Mr Albanese): Second reading—Resumption of debate (from 2 May 2016).

(Order of the day will be removed from the Notice Paper unless re-accorded priority on any of the next 8 sitting Mondays including 9 May 2016.)

*2 RENEW AUSTRALIA BILL 2016 (Mr Bandt): Second reading—Resumption of debate (from 2 May 2016).

(Order of the day will be removed from the Notice Paper unless re-accorded priority on any of the next 8 sitting Mondays including 9 May 2016.)

*3 GAMBLING HARM REDUCTION (PROTECTING PROBLEM GAMBLERS AND OTHER MEASURES) BILL 2016 (Mr Wilkie): Second reading—Resumption of debate (from 2 May 2016).

(Order of the day will be removed from the Notice Paper unless re-accorded priority on any of the next 8 sitting Mondays including 9 May 2016.)

*4 TAX LAWS AMENDMENT (TOUGHER PENALTIES FOR COUNTRY-BY-COUNTRY REPORTING) BILL 2016 (Dr Leigh): Second reading—Resumption of debate (from 2 May 2016).

(Order of the day will be removed from the Notice Paper unless re-accorded priority on any of the next 8 sitting Mondays including 9 May 2016.)

*5 MARRIAGE AMENDMENT (MARRIAGE EQUALITY) BILL 2016 (Ms Plibersek): Second reading—Resumption of debate (from 2 May 2016).

(Order of the day will be removed from the Notice Paper unless re-accorded priority on any of the next 8 sitting Mondays including 9 May 2016.)

*6 ASSYRIAN PEOPLE: Resumption of debate (from 2 May 2016) on the motion of Mr Bowen—That this House:

(1) recognises that the Assyrian people, who are Christian by religion, are an original and Indigenous people of Iraq and Syria;

(2) is concerned by the ethnic, religious and cultural cleansing of the Assyrian people by the Islamic State of Iraq and the Levant (ISIL), the systematic killings of Assyrian people and destruction of ancient Assyrian cities, churches and artefacts;

(3) acknowledges the targeted killings and kidnappings of Assyrian clergy and ISIL’s destruction of a recorded 45 Assyrian churches between June and July 2014;

(4) acknowledges the forced displacement of hundreds of thousands of Assyrians since the invasion by ISIL in Iraq and Syria, notably in Mosul and the Nineveh Plains in Iraq and the Khabour region in Syria (Hassaka province);

(5) declares that ISIL’s treatment of the Assyrian people is a gross violation of human rights under the Universal Declaration of Human Rights;

(6) notes that on 24 March 2015, the Iraqi Council of Ministers, under the Chairmanship of Prime Minister, Haider Al-Abadi, issued a unanimous declaration condemning the crimes committed by ISIL (Daash) against civilians, Kurds, Christians, Yazidis and Shabak as crimes of genocide;

(7) further notes that the United States State Department and the European Parliament has recently recognised ISIL atrocities as genocide;
(8) associates with the recent remarks of United States Secretary of State John Kerry, describing ISIL as ‘genocidal by self-proclamation, by ideology, and by actions’;

(9) urges the United Nations Special Adviser on the Prevention of Genocide to make recommendations through the Secretary-General to the Security Council to recognise, prevent and halt crimes committed by ISIL;

(10) recognises and condemns the:
   (a) ongoing genocidal conduct of ISIL against Indigenous minorities in Iraq, including the Assyrian peoples on religious, cultural and ethnic grounds;
   (b) forced displacement of hundreds of thousands of Assyrians and other minority communities following the ISIL takeover of north-western Iraq;
   (c) systematic killing, taking of hostages and human trafficking of minorities; and
   (d) destruction of ancient Assyrian cities and holy places;

(11) reaffirms the rights of Christian and other minorities of Iraq to live in peace and freedom and calls for all steps to be taken to ensure that members of the affected communities can live in freedom in Iraq;

(12) notes the aspirations of the Assyrian people for the establishment of an autonomous region in the Nineveh Plains and welcomes the in principle agreement of the Iraqi Government to this; and

(13) calls for the rights of Assyrian Christians to be respected in the post ISIL makeup of Iraq and Syria.

(Order of the day will be removed from the Notice Paper unless re-accorded priority on any of the next 8 sitting Mondays including 9 May 2016.)

*7 SOCIAL SECURITY (ADMINISTRATION) AMENDMENT (CONSUMER LEASE EXCLUSION) BILL 2015: Consideration of Senate’s message (from 2 May 2016).

(Order of the day will be removed from the Notice Paper unless re-accorded priority on any of the next 8 sitting Mondays including 9 May 2016.)

COMMITTEE AND DELEGATION BUSINESS has precedence each Monday in the House of Representatives Chamber from 10.10 am to 12 noon; and in the Federation Chamber from 11 am to 1.30 pm (standing orders 34, 35 and 192).

PRIVATE MEMBERS’ BUSINESS has precedence from the conclusion of consideration of committee and delegation business each Monday (standing orders 34, 35 and 192). The SELECTION COMMITTEE is responsible for arranging the timetable and order of committee and delegation business and private Members’ business for each sitting Monday. Any private Members’ business not called on, or consideration of private Members’ business or committee and delegation business which has been interrupted and not re-accorded priority on any of the next 8 sitting Mondays, shall be removed from the Notice Paper (standing order 42).
BUSINESS OF THE FEDERATION CHAMBER

GOVERNMENT BUSINESS

Order of the day

1 GRIEVANCE DEBATE: Question—That grievances be noted—Resumption of debate (from 2 May 2016).

COMMITTEE AND DELEGATION BUSINESS

Orders of the day

*1 ECONOMICS—STANDING COMMITTEE—REVIEW OF THE AUSTRALIAN COMPETITION AND CONSUMER COMMISSION ANNUAL REPORT 2015 (FIRST REPORT)—MOTION TO TAKE NOTE OF DOCUMENT: Resumption of debate (from 2 May 2016) on the motion of Mr Coleman—That the House take note of the report.

(Order of the day will be removed from the Notice Paper unless re-accorded priority on any of the next 8 sitting Mondays including 9 May 2016.)

*2 ECONOMICS—STANDING COMMITTEE—REVIEW OF THE AUSTRALIAN PRUDENTIAL REGULATION AUTHORITY ANNUAL REPORT 2015 (FIRST REPORT)—MOTION TO TAKE NOTE OF DOCUMENT: Resumption of debate (from 2 May 2016) on the motion of Mr Coleman—That the House take note of the report.

(Order of the day will be removed from the Notice Paper unless re-accorded priority on any of the next 8 sitting Mondays including 9 May 2016.)

*3 ECONOMICS—STANDING COMMITTEE—REVIEW OF THE RESERVE BANK OF AUSTRALIA ANNUAL REPORT 2015 (FIRST REPORT)—MOTION TO TAKE NOTE OF DOCUMENT: Resumption of debate (from 2 May 2016) on the motion of Mr Coleman—That the House take note of the report.

(Order of the day will be removed from the Notice Paper unless re-accorded priority on any of the next 8 sitting Mondays including 9 May 2016.)

*4 PROCEDURE—STANDING COMMITTEE—MAINTENANCE OF THE STANDING ORDERS—MOTION TO TAKE NOTE OF DOCUMENT: Resumption of debate (from 2 May 2016) on the motion of Dr Southcott—That the House take note of the report.

(Order of the day will be removed from the Notice Paper unless re-accorded priority on any of the next 8 sitting Mondays including 9 May 2016.)

*5 PROCEDURE—STANDING COMMITTEE—DIVISION REQUIRED? ELECTRONIC VOTING IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES—MOTION TO TAKE NOTE OF DOCUMENT: Resumption of debate (from 2 May 2016) on the motion of Dr Southcott—That the House take note of the report.

(Order of the day will be removed from the Notice Paper unless re-accorded priority on any of the next 8 sitting Mondays including 9 May 2016.)

PRIVATE MEMBERS’ BUSINESS

Orders of the day

*1 AUSTRALIA AND OUR REGION: Resumption of debate (from 2 May 2016) on the motion of Ms Plibersek—That this House recognises:

(1) the importance of effective political and diplomatic relationships and economic exchange between Australia and our region; and

(2) a responsible and internationally engaged Australian Government is required to meet the challenges and seize the opportunities of a changing world.

(Order of the day will be removed from the Notice Paper unless re-accorded priority on any of the next 8 sitting Mondays including 9 May 2016.)
UNIVERSAL HEALTHCARE: Resumption of debate (from 2 May 2016) on the motion of Ms Claydon—This House condemns the Government for its repeated attempts to undermine universal healthcare and drive up costs for patients, as evidenced by:

(1) its repeated attempts to introduce an upfront payment for visits to a general practitioner, including:
   (a) a $7 co-payment;
   (b) a $5 co-payment;
   (c) a $20 co-payment; and
   (d) the four year freeze on Medicare rebates;
(2) tearing up of the long term hospital funding deal agreed by all states and territories and endorsed by the Coalition in the 2013 election;
(3) the $650 million in cuts to Medicare rebates for pathology and diagnostic imaging which will force up the cost of scans and tests for patients;
(4) the $800 million in cuts to the health flexible funds which will force the closure of health organisations, including those providing support for drug and alcohol addiction, mental health and cancer support;
(5) abandoning the National Partnership Agreement on Preventive Health and abolishing the Australian National Preventive Health Agency;
(6) abolishing the Health and Hospitals Fund, cutting $1 billion reserved for essential health infrastructure;
(7) cutting more than $500 million in public dental programs and moving to scrap the Child Dental Benefits Scheme used by one million Australian children; and
(8) the Government’s continuing plans to:
   (a) raise the price of prescriptions by $5 for general patients and 80 cents for health care card holders; and
   (b) cut the Medicare Safety Net.

SCHOOL FUNDING: Resumption of debate (from 2 May 2016) on the motion of Ms Ryan—That this House:

(1) notes that:
   (a) the Government has:
      (i) implemented the biggest ever cut to Australian schools, ripping $30 billion out of our classrooms over the next decade; and
      (ii) failed to fund the vital fifth and sixth years of the Gonski reforms, locking Australian students into inequality and an uncertain future; and
   (b) Labor’s Your Child. Our Future plan:
      (i) for Australian schools will ensure that every student in every school has the resources they need to achieve their best; and
      (ii) will reverse the Government’s cuts and fund the needs based Gonski reforms on time and in full—a $4.5 billion commitment in 2018 and 2019 alone;
(2) acknowledges the hard work and dedication of educators and teaching staff around the country, and the need to support them to meet their students’ needs; and
(3) calls on the Government to use the budget to reverse their school cuts, fund the Gonski reforms on time and in full, and adopt Labor’s Your Child. Our Future plan, so that every student can reach their potential.

(Order of the day will be removed from the Notice Paper unless re-accorded priority on any of the next 8 sitting Mondays including 9 May 2016.)

STEEL INDUSTRY: Resumption of debate (from 2 May 2016) on the motion of Mr Champion—That this House:

(1) notes with concern that one of Australia’s major steel manufacturers, Arrium, has recently been placed into administration, highlighting the risk to Whyalla’s economy and our national steelmaking capabilities;
(2) recognises the multiple pressures currently being experienced by the Australian steel industry, including the impact of a global over supply of steel;
(3) further notes the worrying evidence presented to the Senate Economics References Committee’s inquiry into the future of Australia’s steel industry, on the widespread importation and use of structural steel that does not meet Australian standards and presents a threat to public safety;

(4) notes the plan announced by Labor to support Australia’s strategically significant metals manufacturing industries, particularly the steel industry, by:
   a. ensuring Australian standards are upheld in Government funded projects and supporting local steel producers in meeting certification standards;
   b. seeking to maximise the use of locally produced steel in Australian Government funded projects and put in place regular reporting of usage levels;
   c. halving the thresholds for projects required to have an Australian Industry Participation Plan from $500 million down to $250 million for private projects, and from $20 million to $10 million for public projects;
   d. doubling funding for the Australian Industry Participation (AIP) Authority and appointing an AIP Board;
   e. ensuring Australia’s anti-dumping system has the right powers and penalties in place;
   f. creating a national Steel Supplier Advocate; and
   g. establishing a tripartite Metals Manufacturing Investment Council to work closely with the Government to deliver these measures;

(5) condemns the Government’s failure to take a comprehensive approach to securing the future of Australia’s steel industry; and

(6) calls on the Government to take serious action to support Australia’s strategically significant metals manufacturing industries, particularly the steel industry.

(Order of the day will be removed from the Notice Paper unless re-accorded priority on any of the next 8 sitting Mondays including 9 May 2016.)

*5 EMPLOYMENT AND WORKPLACE RELATIONS: Resumption of debate (from 2 May 2016) on the motion of Ms L. M. Chesters—That this House:

(1) notes the Government’s multiple attacks on the pay, rights and conditions of workers, including but not limited to:
   a. advocating for a reduction in penalty rates;
   b. issuing temporary licences, which resulted in Australian seafarers being sacked;
   c. abolishing the Road Safety Remuneration Tribunal;
   d. pursuing legislation that would ensure workers on construction sites have less rights than ‘ice’ dealers;
   e. the attempted reintroduction of unfair individual contracts;
   f. the failure to address widespread and system exploitation of workers; and
   g. the unfair, ideological bargaining policy which forces agencies to strip rights and conditions from enterprise agreements and offer cuts to pay in real terms;

(2) condemns the Government for its employment and workplace relations agenda; and

(3) calls on the Government to abandon its attacks on the pay, rights and conditions of workers in Australia.

(Order of the day will be removed from the Notice Paper unless re-accorded priority on any of the next 8 sitting Mondays including 9 May 2016.)
QUESTIONS IN WRITING

On the first sitting day of each fortnight, a complete Notice Paper is published containing all unanswered questions. On subsequent days, only new questions for the sitting are included in the Notice Paper. The full text of all unanswered questions is available at:


Questions unanswered

Nos 1–6.

DAVID ELDER
Clerk of the House of Representatives

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COMMITTEES

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Standing

Pursuant to standing orders

AGRICULTURE AND INDUSTRY: Mr Ramsey (Chair), Ms O’Neil (Deputy Chair), Mr Fitzgibbon, Ms M. L. Landry, Ms Marino, Ms McGowan, Mr Pasin, Ms Price, Mr Wilson, Mr Zappia.

Current inquiry:
Agricultural innovation.

APPROPRIATIONS AND ADMINISTRATION: The Speaker (Chair), Ms Owens (Deputy Chair), Mr Broadbent, Ms Claydon, Mr Coulton, Ms Hall, Mr Hayes, Ms Marino, Mr O’Dowd.

COMMUNICATIONS AND THE ARTS: Mrs B. K. Bishop (Chair), Mr Watts (Deputy Chair), Mr Ferguson, Ms Marino, Mr Perrett, Ms Price, Mr Ramsey, Ms Vamvakinou, Mrs Wicks.

Current inquiry:
Broadcasting, online content and live production to rural and regional Australia.
ECONOMICS: Mr Coleman (Chair), Mr Husic (Deputy Chair), Mr Alexander, Mr Buchholz, Mr Conroy, Mr Hogan, Mr Kelly, Ms O’Neil, Mr Palmer, Ms F. M. Scott. (Mr Giles to be a supplementary member for the purpose of the inquiry into home ownership.)

Current inquiries:
- Home ownership.
- Review of the Australian Prudential Regulation Authority Annual Report 2015.
- Tax deductibility.

EDUCATION AND EMPLOYMENT: Mr Laming (Chair), Ms MacTiernan (Deputy Chair), Mr Hutchinson, Mrs McNamara, Mr O’Connor, Ms Owens, Ms Rishworth, Ms Sudmalis, Mr Williams.

Current inquiry:
- Innovation and creativity: workforce for the new economy.

ENVIRONMENT: Mr Cobb (Chair), Mr Giles (Deputy Chair), Mr Broad, Mr M. Butler, Mr Dreyfus, Ms Marino, Mr Pasin, Mr Varvaris, Mr Wood, Mr Zappia. (Mr Christensen and Ms Claydon to be supplementary members for the purpose of the inquiry into the Register of Environmental Organisations.)

Current inquiry:
- Register of Environmental Organisations.

HEALTH: Mr Irons (Chair), Ms Zappia (Deputy Chair), Ms L. M. Chesters, Dr Gillespie, Ms Hall, Mr S. P. Jones, Mr Laming, Mrs McNamara, Dr Southcott.

Current inquiry:
- Chronic disease prevention and management in primary health care.

HOUSE: The Speaker, Mr O’Dowd (Chair), Mr Hayes (Deputy Chair), Mr Broadbent, Ms Hall, Ms Marino, Ms Ryan.

INDIGENOUS AFFAIRS: Dr Stone (Chair), Mr Snowdon (Deputy Chair), Ms Claydon, Mr Coulton, Mr Entsch, Mr Laming, Mr Neumann, Mr Perrett, Mr Ramsey.

Current inquiry:
- Educational opportunities for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander students.

INFRASTRUCTURE, TRANSPORT AND CITIES: Mr Alexander (Chair), Mr Thistlethwaite (Deputy Chair), Ms Collins, Mr Giles, Mr Hastie, Ms Ryan, Mr van Manen, Mr Williams, Mr Zimmerman.

Current inquiry:
- The role of transport connectivity on stimulating development and economic activity.

PETITIONS: Dr Jensen (Chair), Mrs Elliot (Deputy Chair), Mr Broadbent, Mr Buchholz, Mr Byrne, Ms L. M. Chesters, Mrs Griggs, Ms Hall, Mr Hogan, Mrs Prentice.

PRIVILEGES AND MEMBERS’ INTERESTS: Mr Broadbent (Chair), Ms A. E. Burke (Deputy Chair), Mr Briggs, Mr Fitzgibbon, Mr Giles, Dr Gillespie, Ms O’Neil, Mr Pasin, Mr Perrett, Mr Ruddock, Mr Vasta.

PROCEDURE: Dr Southcott (Chair), Mr Danby (Deputy Chair), Mr Broadbent, Mr Buchholz, Mr Goodenough, Ms Hall, Ms Ryan.

Current inquiry:
- The standing orders in relation to Question Time.

PUBLICATIONS: Mr Coulton (Chair), Mr Watts (Deputy Chair), Ms Claydon, Ms Henderson, Mr Howarth, Mr Hutchinson, Ms Rowland.

SELECTION: The Speaker (Chair), Mr Christensen, Mr Coulton, Mr Fitzgibbon, Ms Hall, Mr Hayes, Mr Hutchinson, Mr E. T. Jones, Ms Marino, Ms Ryan, Mr Whiteley.

SOCIAL POLICY AND LEGAL AFFAIRS: Mr Christensen (Chair), Ms Claydon (Deputy Chair), Ms T. M. Butler, Mr Dreyfus, Mrs Markus, Mr Pasin, Mr Perrett, Mr Sukkar.

Current inquiries:
- Constitutional law and Australian citizenship.
- Crimes at sea.
- Surrogacy.
TAX AND REVENUE: Mr van Manen (Chair), Mr Ripoll (Deputy Chair), Mrs B. K. Bishop, Ms T. M. Butler, Mr Hastie, Mr Irons, Ms O’Neill, Mr Sukkar, Mr Watts.

Current inquiries:

External scrutiny of the Australian Taxation Office.

Joint Select

AUSTRALIA FUND ESTABLISHMENT (Formed 23 September 2014): Mr Laming (Chair), Senator Lazarus (Deputy Chair), Ms T. M. Butler, Mr Husic, Mr Pitt, Mr Porter, Mr Wilkie, Senator Carr, Senator Reynolds, Senator Seselja. (Final report presented 25 June 2015; Committee dissolved.)

CONSTITUTIONAL RECOGNITION OF ABORIGINAL AND Torres Strait Islander Peoples (Formed 2 December 2013): Mr Wyatt (Chair), Senator Peris (Deputy Chair), Ms Henderson, Mr S. P. Jones, Mr Neumann, Senator McKenzie, Senator Ruston, Senator Siewert. (Final report presented 25 June 2015; Committee dissolved.)

NORTHERN AUSTRALIA (Formed 4 December 2013): Mr Entsch (Chair), Ms MacTiernan (Deputy Chair), Mr Christensen, Mr Gray, Mrs Griggs, Ms Price, Mr Snowden, Senator Lindgren, Senator McLucas, Senator O’Neill, Senator Siewert, Senator Smith. (Final report presented 4 September 2014; resolution of appointment amended on 27 August 2014 to extend the committee for the life of the Parliament.)

TRADE AND INVESTMENT GROWTH (Formed 23 September 2014): Mr O’Dowd (Chair), Mr Conroy (Deputy Chair), Mr Billson, Ms T. M. Butler, Mr Palmer, Mr Pasin, Senator Bullock, Senator Ludwig, Senator Macdonald, Senator Smith, Senator Wang. (Final report presented 15 October 2015; resolution of appointment amended on 13 October 2015 to extend the committee for the life of the Parliament.)

Current inquiry:

Australia’s future in research and innovation.

Joint Statutory

AUSTRALIAN COMMISSION FOR LAW ENFORCEMENT INTEGRITY: Mr Matheson (Chair), Senator Bilyk (Deputy Chair), Mrs Elliot, Mr Irons, Mr Wood, Mr Zappia, Senator Edwards, Senator O’Sullivan, Senator Sterle.

Current inquiries:

The integrity of Australia’s border arrangements.

The jurisdiction of the Australian Commission for Law Enforcement Integrity.

BROADCASTING OF PARLIAMENTARY PROCEEDINGS: The Speaker (Chairman), The President (Vice-Chairman), Ms Bird, Mr Coulton, Mr Griffin, Ms Henderson, Senator Marshall, Senator Moore.

CORPORATIONS AND FINANCIAL SERVICES: Senator Fawcett (Chair), Senator O’Neill (Deputy Chair), Ms Owens, Mr Ruddock, Mr van Manen, Mr Watts, Senator Ketter, Senator Madigan, Senator Williams.

Current inquiry:

Oversight of ASIC, the Takeovers Panel and the Corporations Legislation No. 2 of the 44th Parliament.

HUMAN RIGHTS: Mr Ruddock (Chair), Mr Ferguson (Deputy Chair), Dr Gillespie, Ms McGowan, Mr Sukkar, Senator Brown, Senator Canavan, Senator McKim, Senator Moore, Senator Paterson, Senator Smith.

INTELLIGENCE AND SECURITY: Mr Nikolic (Chair), Mr Byrne (Deputy Chair), Mr Dreyfus, Mr Ruddock, Mr B. C. Scott, Mr Wood, Senator Bushby, Senator Conroy, Senator Fawcett, Senator Gallagher, Senator Wong.

Current inquiry:

Review of Administration and Expenditure No. 14.

LAW ENFORCEMENT: Mr Kelly (Chair), Senator Singh (Deputy Chair), Mr Hayes, Mr Matheson, Ms Vanvakinou, Mr Wood, Senator Edwards, Senator Ketter, Senator Leyonhjelm, Senator O’Sullivan.

Current inquiries:

Crystal methamphetamine.

Human trafficking.

Illicit tobacco.
PUBLIC ACCOUNTS AND AUDIT: Mr Macfarlane (Chair), Mr Conroy (Deputy Chair), Mr Albanese, Ms Brodkmann, Mr Giles, Dr Gillespie, Mr Robert, Dr Southcott, Senator Bernardi, Senator Ketter, Senator McKenzie, Senator McAllister, Senator Smith.  
Current inquiries:  
- Defence sustainment.  
- Development of Commonwealth Performance Framework.  

PUBLIC WORKS: Senator Smith (Chair), Mr Perrett (Deputy Chair), Ms Claydon, Mr Goodenough, Ms Ryan, Ms F. M. Scott, Dr Southcott, Senator Gallacher, Senator Williams.  
Current inquiries:  
- AIR 5428 Phase 1—Pilot Training System Facilities Project.  
- Australian Nuclear Science and Technology Organisation waste management facilities’ extension and upgrade.  
- Gosford, New South Wales—Fit-out of new leased premises for the Australian Taxation Office.  
- Newstead, Queensland—Fit-out of new leased premises for the Australian Federal Police at 45 Commercial Road.  
- Puckapunyal, Victoria—Puckapunyal military area high voltage power supply upgrade.  
- Royal Australian Air Force Base Amberley, Queensland—C-17 Maintenance Facility, Aircraft Apron and Associated Infrastructure Project.

Joint Standing

ELECTORAL MATTERS: Mr Griffin (Deputy Chair), Mr Buchholz, Mr Goodenough, Mr Gray, Mr Pasin, Senator Brown, Senator Conroy, Senator O’Sullivan, Senator Reynolds, Senator Rhiannon.  
Current inquiries:  
- Campaigning at polling places.  
- Delivery of electoral education.  
- Political donations.

FOREIGN AFFAIRS, DEFENCE AND TRADE: Ms Gambaro (Chair), Mr Champion (Deputy Chair), Mr Baldwin, Mr Danby, Mr Feeney, Mr Ferguson, Mr Griffin, Mrs Griggs, Mr Hastie, Dr Jensen, Mr Kelly, Mr Marles, Mr Nikolic, Ms Parke, Mr Ruddock, Mr B. C. Scott, Dr Stone, Ms Vamvakinou, Mr Varvaris, Mr Williams, Senator Edwards, Senator Fawcett, Senator Gallacher, Senator Ludwig, Senator Macdonald, Senator McEwen, Senator McKenzie, Senator O’Neill, Senator Reynolds, Senator Singh, Senator Whish-Wilson, Senator Xenophon.  
Current inquiries:  
- Australia’s trade and investment relationships with countries of the Middle East.  
- Death penalty.  
- Development partnerships in agriculture.  

MIGRATION: Mrs Markus (Chair), Ms Vamvakinou (Deputy Chair), Mr K. J. Andrews, Mr Kelly, Mr Thistlethwaite, Mr Zappia, Senator Back, Senator Dastyari, Senator Edwards, Senator Hanson-Young.  
Current inquiry:  
- Seasonal Worker Programme.

NATIONAL CAPITAL AND EXTERNAL TERRITORIES: Mr Simpkins (Chair), Senator Brown (Deputy Chair), Mrs B. K. Bishop, Ms Brodtmann, Mr B. C. Scott, Mr Snowdon, Mr Vasta, Senator Back, Senator Gallagher, Senator Hanson-Young, Senator Marshall, Senator Seselja.

NATIONAL DISABILITY INSURANCE SCHEME: Mr Billson (Chair), Senator Gallacher (Deputy Chair), Dr Gillespie, Ms Hall, Ms Macklin, Mr Matheson, Ms Rishworth, Senator Lindgren, Senator Paterson, Senator Seselja, Senator Siewert, Senator Urquhart.

PARLIAMENTARY LIBRARY: Ms Brodtmann (Chair), Senator Seselja (Chair), Mr Broadbent, Mr Danby, Ms Hall, Mr Irons, Mr Wilson, Senator Back, Senator Lindgren, Senator Lines, Senator Moore.
TREATIES: Mr Hartsuyker (Chair), Mr Thomson (Deputy Chair), Mr O’Dowd, Ms Parke, Ms Price, Mr Watts, Mrs Wicks, Mr Williams, Mr Whiteley, Senator Back, Senator Fawcett, Senator Johnston, Senator Lines, Senator Ludwig, Senator Sterle, Senator Whish-Wilson.

*Current inquiries:*

- Treaties tabled 1 December 2015 (V&P 1 December 2015, page 1774).
- Treaties tabled 3 December 2015 (V&P 3 December 2015, page 1814).

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**APPOINTMENTS TO STATUTORY BODIES**

**NATIONAL ARCHIVES OF AUSTRALIA ADVISORY COUNCIL:** Mrs Prentice (appointed 3 March 2014, for a period of 3 years).

**COUNCIL OF THE NATIONAL LIBRARY OF AUSTRALIA:** Mr Ferguson (appointed 16 June 2015, for a period of 3 years).

**PARLIAMENTARY RETIRING ALLOWANCES TRUST:** Mr Fitzgibbon (appointed 19 October 2010) and Mr Ruddock (appointed 24 February 2014).

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